

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Page 1, line 8, please insert:

--Background of the invention--

Page 2 - last page, in the headings, please cancel "Le A 36 789 - Foreign  
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Page 2, line 25, please insert:

--Summary of the invention--

Paragraph beginning on page 2, line 26 (amended):

The invention provides a method of thawing frozen, water-containing products, in particular protein-containing products, by introducing the frozen product into a horizontal mixer, heating the mixer and at the same time **regulating mixing** the contents of the mixer intensively, with any floating frozen product being continually submerged in the liquefied phase and mixed with this.

Paragraph beginning on page 2, line 32 (amended):

Preference is given to a method in which the mixing **by and** heating is continued until the product has been melted completely.

Page 3, line 3, please insert:

--Detailed description--